

# President Huerta Is Ready to Resign and be Eliminated Completely

## UNITED STATES' DEMANDS TOLD

President Wilson Instructs  
Delegates to the Peace  
Conference

STRONG GOVERNMENT  
AND FAIR ELECTION

Rebels Declare They Will  
Not be Satisfied With the  
Elimination of Huerta and  
They Point to Their Suc-  
cesses During the Cam-  
paign — Huerta's Dele-  
gates Ready to Present  
His Resignation.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Washington, May 18.—Settlement of  
the Mexican problem is conditioned on  
the elimination of Huerta, and estab-  
lishment of a strong provisional gov-  
ernment, which would hold a fair  
election and settle the Agrarian prob-  
lem and other internal causes of the  
revolution. This was told the United  
States commissioners to the Niagara  
Falls mediation conference by Presi-  
dent Wilson today. The president  
gave the delegates letters to the medi-  
ators, outlining the authority given  
them on this mission.

The United States force's with-  
drawal is conditioned on the settle-  
ment of the problem in definite form.  
The president wants the grievances of  
Zapata and Carranza considered and  
also would conserve the rightful in-  
terests of the people in the sections  
controlled by Huerta.

A message from a diplomatic source  
in Mexico City said that Huerta is  
ready to resign and be eliminated  
completely. The Mexican delegates to  
the mediation conference have hinted  
that they realized Huerta must be  
eliminated and are said to be ready to  
recommend his retirement as soon as  
a definite understanding is reached as  
to the kind of government that is to  
follow.

The president expressed hopefulness  
for mediation and said it is  
still hoped to get the Constitutionalists  
to enter the conference. The media-  
tion conference expected to be short.  
The president thinks the concessions  
Huerta is ready to make will be  
learned in a few days. The talk of a  
compromise by Huerta retiring in  
favor of a neutral government, has  
not made much of an appeal to the  
rebels, who are bent on the success of  
their campaign.

STAGE IS BEING SET.  
While the stage was being set in  
Niagara Falls today for the next big  
scene in the Mexican crisis, officials  
in diplomatic and military circles  
discussed the extent to which  
the mediation preliminaries might  
reach and the bearing the negotiations  
eventually would have on the  
settling of the southern republic's ills.  
Reported optimism of the Huerta dele-  
gates over chances for mediation and  
their confidence that their long jour-  
ney would have been in violation  
found reflection in the capital.

Members of the Mexican Federal  
mission were in New York today. Min-  
ister Naoon of Argentina, was expected  
in Niagara Falls where he was to  
operate in arranging for the beginning  
of the conference next Wednesday.  
Ambassador Da Gama of Brazil, was  
in New York when he was to leave  
for the Canadian border town. Min-  
ister Suarez of Chile, was to leave here  
today and members of the American  
mission were to depart direct for Ni-  
agara Falls to reach there Tuesday  
night or early Wednesday morning,  
about the time the Huerta representa-  
tives arrive from New York.

While the rebels were proceeding  
drapidly with their program in north-  
ern and central Mexico, yet the day's  
stay of the Mexican mission in Wash-  
ington and the exchanges of courtesies  
overshadowed military developments.  
The Huerta delegates declined while  
here to give out any statement, yet  
some of their viewpoints was believed  
to have been obtained from representa-  
tive Mexicans with whom they talked.  
According to reports they feel that  
it is inevitable a successor must be  
chosen for Huerta, and that while  
theoretically they face an international  
issue, they are declared to have pri-  
vately admitted the real problem con-  
fronting them is the pacification of

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## Report of Death of Young Parks Comes From Mexican Sources

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Washington, May 18.—That offi-  
cials of the Mexican government be-  
lieve that Samuel Parks, American  
cavalryman was killed, was indicated  
in a despatch received today at the  
state department from the Brazilian  
minister in Mexico City. He says the  
Mexican minister for foreign affairs  
had sent him a note promising to af-  
firm the men guilty of Parks' murder  
if it occurred. The foreign office also  
promised an investigation of the al-  
leged imprisonment of the Smith fam-  
ily reported from Tonalá several days  
ago. The Smiths are Americans.  
Consul Letcher from San Pasa, in-  
formed the department that the con-

## Rebels Say No Compromise Is Satisfactory

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Juarez, May 17.—News that Hu-  
erta had authorized his delegates  
to the mediation conference to  
present his resignation should it  
be necessary to restore peace,  
brought the statement from the  
constitutionalists here that this  
action would not compose the  
situation. The elimination of Hu-  
erta's party is demanded.

## RESERVE BANK ORGANIZATION IS WORKED OUT

Bankers Representing Every  
District Assemble for the  
Purpose of Formally Ex-  
ecuting Certificates of  
Respective Organization.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
New York, May 18.—Representatives  
of five banks assembled here today  
to take the formal action necessary to  
call into being the federal reserve bank  
of this district. Two banks in this  
city and three upstate institutions  
were designated to execute the certi-  
ficate of incorporation, which was to  
be done at a meeting of the New York  
clearing house later in the day.

With the signing of the certificate  
the bank is technically organized, and  
the member banks may proceed with  
the election of directors.

In all of the twelve reserve cities,  
except San Francisco meetings were  
held today to execute certificates. In  
San Francisco this action will be taken  
Wednesday.

SOUTHERN BANKERS GATHER.  
Atlanta, Ga., May 18.—Officials re-  
presenting the First National Bank,  
Montgomery, Ala., Exchange National  
Bank, Tampa, Fla., Hibernia National  
Bank, New Orleans, La., First National  
Bank, Jackson, Miss., and First Na-  
tional Bank, Chattanooga, Tenn., met  
here today to work out the organiza-  
tion plans for the federal reserve bank  
to be located here. The banks men-  
tioned were designated by the federal  
reserve organization board to conduct  
the work of organizing the Atlanta  
reserve bank.

SOUTHWESTERN BANKERS.  
Dallas, Tex., May 18.—Representa-  
tives of five southwestern banks met  
here today to sign papers of incorpo-  
ration for the new district regional  
reserve bank to be located in  
Dallas. The signers represented the  
First National Bank of Shreveport,  
La.; the Durant National Bank, Du-  
rango, Okla.; The First National Bank,  
El Paso; The Union National Bank,  
Houston and the Frost National Bank  
of San Antonio.

MEETING AT RICHMOND.  
Richmond, Va., May 18.—Nearly 250  
bankers representing a majority of  
the 48 banks in the Fifth regional  
reserve district of which Richmond is  
the central city, were called to order  
here today for the purpose of organiz-  
ing the district. Milton C. Elliott,  
secretary of the regional reserve re-  
serve organization committee, deliv-  
ered the opening address and a gen-  
eral discussion followed.

Gov. Stuart and Major Ables wel-  
comed the bankers formally to night  
and Representative Carter Glass, au-  
thor of the banking act, made an ad-  
dress on the importance of selecting an  
able board of directors for the regional  
bank.

stitutionalists had ordered a vigorous  
campaign against the Querilla under  
former Federal General Quesada whose  
depredations on the border have been  
the subject of urgent representations  
by the department.

Quesada's latest threat to destroy  
the windmills supplying water to cat-  
tle on American-owned ranches, re-  
sulted in an imperative demand from  
the state department that he be sup-  
pressed.

Consul Letcher also reported that  
General Carranza had ordered an in-  
vestigation of the reported seizure of  
bullion belonging to the Bacis gold and  
silver mines near Durango.

Consul Letcher today returned to  
his post in Chihuahua.

## MEXICANS TRY TO MOB FORMER HUERTA OFFICER

United States Soldiers Com-  
pelled to Guard Dr. A.  
Urrutia.

## FLEEING FROM THE WRATH OF HUERTA

Reaches Vera Cruz in the  
Garb of a Working Man  
and When His Identity  
Becomes Known There is  
a Demonstration Against  
Him Led by the Editor of  
a Newspaper—The Latter  
is Also Arrested.

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Vera Cruz, May 18.—Because of a  
demonstration against him by a mob  
of Mexicans, Dr. Aureliano Urrutia,  
formerly minister of the interior in the  
Huerta cabinet, late today was ar-  
rested by United States soldiers. One  
man alleged Urrutia had had his  
brother slain. Urrutia later was re-  
leased but remains were placed on  
guard in his hotel. The Mexican had  
asked for a guard as he feared for his  
life.

Urrutia appeared here today dressed  
as a working man and made his iden-  
tity known. He was arrested and  
then released as he said he was flee-  
ing from the wrath of Huerta.

Antonio Rivas de la Torre, editor  
of the El Diritamen, led the demon-  
stration this afternoon. It was he who  
said Urrutia had a brother who was  
senator in congress dissolved by Hu-  
erta and was slain.

De la Torre was arrested and held  
incommunicado. Urrutia was one of  
Huerta's most trusted counselors. He  
is popularly believed to have been the  
author of orders for the disappearance  
of Huerta's political enemies.

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Bill by Britten of Illinois De-  
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Branch of Service Con-  
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Washington, May 18.—To increase  
the efficiency of the Marine Corps,  
Representative Britten of Illinois, in-  
troduced a bill today to create the  
grade of brigadier general in that  
corps. The measure would provide for  
the appointment of two officers of this  
new grade by the president. Present  
emergencies in Mexico, Mr. Britten as-  
serted.

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## LIEUT. BECKER'S PRESS AGENT TELLS OF THE PLANS MADE TO MURDER HERMAN ROSENTHAL

Becker Was Mad Over the  
Way He Said the Killing  
Was Bungled.

STATE FINISHES  
ITS TESTIMONY

Chas. S. Plitt, Jr., Former  
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## ESTO MARSHAL KILLS FOREMAN OF LUMBER CO.

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Bonifay, Fla., May 18.—Yesterday  
afternoon about 5 o'clock at Esto, in  
this county, Marshal Wellington  
killed Andrew Mixon, four balls  
entering his body and about seven  
feet deep.

Shirley J. Mayo and Judge Tave-  
left this morning to hold an inquest,  
which is yet in progress. Mixon was  
wood's foreman for the Alabama and  
Florida Lumber Company. Marshal  
Wellington was attempting to take  
him into custody, when Mixon became  
enraged and it is claimed, started on  
Wellington with a dirk and did suc-  
ceed in cutting some clothes but in-  
flicted no wounds.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Washington, May 18.—In the rivers  
and harbors bill of the present ses-  
sion of congress Representative Emmett  
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tion is now available and will be used  
immediately to complete the federal  
building at Pensacola.

## WEST VA. WIDOWS TO BE COMPENSATED FOR LOSS OF HUSBANDS IN MINE WRECK



Mrs. Larkie Smith and baby Leslie (left); Mrs. Minnie McMillan and baby Elmer.

For the first time West Virginia will take care of her widows and orphans through the new workmen's compensation law, which provides that every widow whose husband was killed in the course of his employment shall receive \$20 per month as long as she lives and that each of her children over shall receive \$5 per month until they become eighteen years of age. Here are some of West Virginia's new widows and orphans, who lost husbands and fathers in the recent Eocene mine explosion.

## Jerome Travers Amateur Golf Champion Is Eliminated in the First Round of the Match

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Sandwich, Ing., May 18.—Jerome D.  
Travers, amateur champion of the  
United States, was eliminated today  
in the first round of the match for  
the amateur championship. The  
champion, an American, would have  
taken the title across the Atlantic  
thence reduced to a minimum.

Charles A. Palmer, who defeated  
Travers by two up in the Irish open  
championship and was the runner-up to  
John Ball for the championship in  
1907, he comes from Hansworth  
England. Neither Travers nor Palmer  
played very good golf today. Travers  
appeared to allow too much for the  
speed of the green. Consequently he  
was short by 2 up in his supposed spots  
while his drives were about twenty  
yards shorter than those of his op-  
ponent. Even his putting was poor.  
Palmer was suffering from lung  
bazo and his drives lacked their usual  
power.

The American played on a hole  
on early lead but his players were all  
square at the time. Travers was again  
two up at the 13th hole but Palmer  
caught him at the 14th and won the  
last two holes and the match.

E. Hilderness of Belmar and Henry  
J. Topping of the Greenwich and W.  
club, Connecticut, are up.

S. Chadwick of Elmberg beat Ed-  
ward S. Knapp of Westbrook by 5 up  
and 4 to play.

Fraser Hale of Chicago, Ill., W.  
Whigham of the Royal and George  
club by 2 up and 5 to play.

Charles W. Evans, Jr. of Chicago  
beat W. Cranston of Walton Heath  
club by 1 up and 4 to play.

Murray of Romsey, Eng., beat  
C. W. Insley of the Uffelda community  
club, New York by 9 up.

Fredrick Herrschaff of New York  
defeated J. St. John of Northumber-  
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## UNIVERSITY IS AGAIN TALKED BY METHODISTS

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by a Unanimous Vote

## THE CHURCH WILL DEMAND ITS RIGHTS

Report is Sent to Committee  
Of Fifteen With Instruc-  
tions to Follow the Spirit  
of the Majority and Sup-  
plementary Legislation is  
Submitted by Dr. Harris  
of Georgia.

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Ocala, Fla., May 18.—After  
before adjournment for the day, the  
Methodist Episcopal church south, in  
session here, passed a resolution re-  
solving to reconsider the question  
of the Vanderbilt University. The  
vote upon the motion to reconsi-  
der the report to the committee of 15  
from was recorded shortly before noon  
and was almost unanimous.

It instructs the committee of 15  
to follow the spirit of the majority  
report and the supplementary legisla-  
tion submitted by Dr. Harris of Geor-  
gia conference.

A revised report for the  
conference of the committee of 15  
on the question of the Vanderbilt  
university was submitted to the con-  
ference adjourned and 2 o'clock to-  
morrow.

HAD SOME RIGHTS.  
It developed early in the arguments  
that the signers of the majority report,  
which was adopted by the conference  
last Saturday, had declared that the  
church had no right to demand the  
"negotiable" rights in Vanderbilt, de-  
spite the rulings of the Tennessee su-  
preme court.

This was brought out in a proposed  
amendment to the report, providing  
for continuance of relations for the  
interim between the adjournment of  
the general conference and the com-  
pletion of the reorganization of Van-  
derbilt. It is the patronizing confer-  
ence giving the board of education and  
calling on the commission provided in  
the majority report to safeguard the  
interests of the church.

At the end of the day's session  
conducted by Rev. C. F. See,  
pastor of the West Texas conference,  
Judge D. H. Landwehr, chairman of  
the committee of fifteen on the Van-  
derbilt case, immediately brought up  
the reconsideration of the Vanderbilt  
committee report, which was motioned  
when the conference adjourned last  
Saturday night.

He asked if he was allowed to withdraw  
his motion to table the motion to  
reconsider the report. He was allowed  
the feelings of some of the members  
of the conference and when this was  
granted, proceeded with an argument  
on the motion to reconsider.

A point of order raised by Dr. J. S.  
Cannon that a motion to reconsider  
was not debatable, was not sustained  
on an appeal from the ruling of the  
chair.

Mr. Landwehr contended the non-  
recognition of the Carnegie gift by the  
board of trustees of Vanderbilt, over the  
veto of the board of trustees, was a  
violation of their trust, a dishonor to the church  
and had created an "irreconcilable  
difference." He declared the legal title  
of Vanderbilt was in the board of  
trustees, but an equitable title rested in  
the patronizing conference and the  
majority of the committee believes  
the right of recovery can be exercised  
only by the conference.

In reply to a question Mr. Landwehr  
said the general conference, through  
its board of education, cannot de-  
mand that the board of trustees  
return the Carnegie gift, but the patronizing  
conference, being owners in equity,  
have that right.

Rev. W. A. Chapman of Virginia  
criticized the majority report for fail-  
ing to provide for carrying out its  
trust during the interim between ad-  
journment of the general conference  
and a meeting of the eight patronizing  
conferences.

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## MOCK CARAVELS GOING TO RUIN

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Chicago, May 18.—The Santa Ma-  
ria, the Nina and the Pinta, reproductions  
of the Christopher Columbus caravels,  
presented to this country by  
Spain for the world's fair of 1893, are  
decaying at a dock in Erie, Pa. It was  
said here today, J. E. Foster, superin-  
tendent of the South Parks of this city,  
official custodian of the caravels, said  
he would take steps to have them re-  
turned.

The vessels last summer were start-  
ed for the Panama exposition at San  
Francisco via the Great Lakes and  
Panama canal route but, it is said,  
proved too old and unseaworthy to  
stand the trip.

Historical societies here are con-  
cerned for their safety.

## Declaration From Vice President Marshall Creates Much Comment

BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.  
Washington, May 18.—Vice-President  
Thomas R. Marshall's declaration that  
one of America's ills today "is that  
there is too much science in the so-  
called educational system and too little  
of the spirit of the past," occasioned much  
comment in Washington today. The statement  
was made at a church gathering here last  
night.

"There are things wrong in many of  
the churches," said the vice-president.  
"That because church and state are  
separate and the state makes the  
schools, the church feels itself aban-  
doned from any duty in the direction  
of education of youth."

"The state is permitted to mold chil-  
dren from the age of six up through  
the time when they are going through  
colleges, where many of the professors  
are agnostics and atheists. But now  
the church is awakening to the fact  
that children should be reared in the  
way of Christian faith from the nur-  
sery upward. I believe that there is  
in this country today a great spiritual  
awakening and the church is begin-  
ning to see that it has turned over  
entirely too many of its functions to  
the state."

The vice-president also let it be  
known that some day he would forge  
all of the major political parties and  
join the Socialists.

"But," he added, "I shall never do  
this until it becomes a friend of the  
church; never while it flaunts on its  
streets a red banner in the face of  
faith in God and the marriage service.  
The Socialism in which I believe and  
to which I hope some day to adhere is  
not that which concerns itself with  
consideration of power and property,  
but that of spirit."